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SUBJECT: SPASO HOUSE ART COLLECTION

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- 1. EMBASSY VERY PLEASED WITH RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ALREADY UNDERTAKEN IN SUPPORT OF SPASO HOUSE COLLECTION OF AMERICAN PAINTINGS. WE WOULD LIKE TO CHOOSE AS FOLLOWS FROM VARIOUS PROGRAM OFFERINGS LISTED REFTEL.
- 2. TO GIVE SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME FOR ALL INGREDIENTS TO ARRIVE, WE PREFER FIRST WEEK OF JUNE FOR ACTICITIES CONNECTED WITH FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF COLLECTION, WITH JUNE 5 TENTATIVELY CHOSEN FOR VERNISSAGE/RECEPTION.
- 3. ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPT OFFER OF STAG TO SPEAK ON COLLECTION IN GENERAL BUT WITH EMPHASIS ON 20TH CENTURY DEVELOPMENTS. SUGGEST STAG BE CURATOR/CRITIC (E.G. HENRY GELDZHALER), WHOSE CREDENTIALS AND AUTHORITY WOULD ENHANCE ACCEPTABILITY OF MORE AVANT-GARDE PAINTINGS. WE WOULD PROPOSE THAT STAG SPEAK AT ONE OR TWO OTHER SITES IN MOSCOW AND ALSO VISIT LENINGRAD.
- 4. FOR ADVANCE AND FOLLOW-UP PROGRAMMING, APPRECIATE ONE MONTH LOAN OF FILMS "PAINTERS PAINTING" AND "THE NEW YORK SCHOOL" FROM MAY 24 TO JUNE 24.

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5. RE COLOR VTR, BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR

SUBSEQUENT USE DURING LIFE OF EXHIBIT, IF COST IS NOT PROHIBITIVE. VOICING SHOULD BE IN RUSSIAN. IF OPPORTUNITY STILL EXISTS TO INCLUDE COVERAGE AND DISCUSSION OF EACH PAINTING, VTR (AND COLOR CATALOG) MIGHT OBVIATE SEPARATE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBIT OF PAINTINGS.

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